

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A wireless piconet device, comprising:
a piconet front end;
a piconet connection quality determiner; and
a user link quality indicator;
wherein said piconet connection quality determiner
determines at least one aspect relating to a quality of connection achieved
10 through said piconet front end, and controls said user link quality indicator
based on said determined at least one aspect.
 2. The wireless piconet device according to claim 1,
wherein:
15 said piconet front end conforms to BLUETOOTH standards.
 3. The wireless piconet device according to claim 1,
wherein:
20 said user link quality indicator indicates audibly.
 4. The wireless piconet device according to claim 1,
wherein:
said user link quality indicator indicates visibly.
 - 25 5. The wireless piconet device according to claim 4, wherein
said visible user link quality indicator comprises:
an LED.

6. The wireless piconet device according to claim 4, wherein
said visible user link quality indicator comprises:
a graphical display.

5 7. A method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet
device to a user, comprising:
firstly determining at least one aspect of a link quality of a
wireless connection to a short range network; and
providing a first indication of compliance of said at least one
10 aspect of said link quality to said user.

8. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet
device to a user in accordance with claim 7, further comprising:
allowing said user to physically move said wireless piconet
15 device;
secondly determining said at least one aspect of said link
quality; and
providing a second indication of compliance of said at least
one aspect of said link quality to said user.

20 9. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet
device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein said determining
comprises:
generating a Read_RSSI command; and
25 retrieving an RSSI value returned in response to said
generated Read_RSSI command.

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10. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein said determining comprises:

5 generating a Get_Link_Quality command; and
 retrieving a link quality value returned in response to said generated Get_Link_Quality command.

11. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

10 said wireless connection is a piconet connection.

12. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

15 said wireless connection is a scatternet connection.

13. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

 said indication is audible.

14. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

 said indication is visible.

15. The method of optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

25 said compliance is determined by a comparison of said determined at least one aspect to a pre-configured threshold value allowing optimal communications quality.

16. Apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user, comprising:

means for firstly determining at least one aspect of a link quality of a wireless connection to a short range network; and

means for providing a first indication of compliance of said at least one aspect of said link quality to said user.

17. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, further comprising:

means for allowing said user to physically move said wireless piconet device;

means for secondly determining said at least one aspect of said link quality; and

means for providing a second indication of compliance of said at least one aspect of said link quality to said user.

18. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein said means for determining comprises:

means for generating a Read_RSSI command; and
means for retrieving an RSSI value returned in response to said generated Read_RSSI command.

19. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein said means for determining comprises:

means for generating a Get_Link_Quality command; and
means for retrieving a link quality value returned in response to said generated Get_Link_Quality command.

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20. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein:
said wireless connection is a piconet connection.

5 21. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein:
said wireless connection is a scatternet connection.

10 22. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein:
said indication is audible.

15 23. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein:
said indication is visible.

24. The apparatus for optimizing link quality of a wireless piconet device to a user in accordance with claim 16, wherein:
said compliance is determined by means for comparing said
20 determined at least one aspect to a pre-configured threshold value
allowing optimal communications quality.